

fellow senior marines. Following school, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl was handpicked to fill a senior SNCO position as administrative assistant in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Navy. Based on his exemplary performance over the next year and a half, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl was once again selected for another position of great responsibility—the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer for the Marine Corps' U.S. Senate Liaison Office.

In May 1999, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl began his tour with the Marine Corps' Senate Liaison Office, and since that time, he has been a key player in helping to maintain positive and productive relationships between the Marine Corps, my colleagues in the Senate, professional committee staff, and personal staff. He was responsible for responding to thousands of congressional inquiries ranging from such sensitive issues as notification of combat casualties during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom to providing important, timely information on the operation and organization of the Marine Corps. Through his efforts, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl developed a sterling reputation for honesty, punctuality, and accuracy. His efforts not only communicated the Commandant's message to the Senate, but also upheld and added to the Marine Corps' image and reputation on Capitol Hill.

While a member of the Marine Corps Senate Liaison Office, Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl successfully planned and executed 28 international congressional delegations. I had the pleasure of traveling on three of these congressional delegations with Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl, and was greatly impressed with his professionalism, attention to detail, and resourcefulness. His acumen for planning and coordination carried over into Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl's ability to plan and organize numerous Marine Corps and Joint Service social events on Capitol Hill. These events included among others, the Marine Corps Birthday Commemoration, Joint Services Reception, and Marine Corps fall and spring receptions—all very important in enabling myself, and my Senate colleagues to maintain important relationships with the Corps' senior leadership.

Throughout his career as a U.S. marine, GySgt Thomas S. Hogdahl has demonstrated outstanding character, discerning judgment, and a deep sense of duty to his Country and Corps. On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I thank Gunnery Sergeant Hogdahl for his 21 years of service to the Nation and the U.S. Marine Corps. His wife Barbara, and their three sons—Thomas, Stephen, and Brandon—have reason to be proud of "Gunny" Hogdahl as we are here in the U.S. Senate and I wish them all the best as Tom tackles new challenges in his certain to be successful civilian career.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PERIODIC REPORT RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN WHICH WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12170—PM 56

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

On November 14, 1979, by Executive Order 12170, the President declared a national emergency with respect to Iran pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706) to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the situation in Iran. Because our relations with Iran have not yet returned to normal, and the process of implementing the January 19, 1981, agreements with Iran is still underway, the national emergency declared on November 14, 1979, must continue in effect beyond November 14, 2003. Therefore, consistent with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year this national emergency with respect to Iran.

This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 12, 2003.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:17 p.m., on November 12, 2003, a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 313. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs.

H.R. 274. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge; and

H.R. 3232. An act to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through March 31, 2004.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 3:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

On November 13, 2003, a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2559. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3054. An act to amend the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act to permit military service previously performed by members and former members of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, the United States Park Police, and the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to count as creditable service for purposes of calculating retirement annuities payable to such members upon payment of a contribution by such members, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1862. A bill to provide certain exceptions from requirements for bilateral agreements with Australia and the United Kingdom for exemptions from the International Traffic in Arms Regulations.

S. 1863. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain naval vessels.

S. 1864. A bill to enhance the security of the United States and United States allies.

S. 1865. A bill to enhance the security of the United States and United States allies.

S. 1866. A bill to enhance the security of the United States and United States allies.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 12, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 313. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with